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Managerial Viewpoint

I've often said that I am looking for three points and a good performance at the same time. If I can't have both then one or the other is acceptable. However, by the time Monday morning comes round, three points always seems more acceptable than the good performance. Undoubtedly that was the feeling last Monday after the Newport match. It wasn't the best match we have witnessed here this season, but in the end the points were well earned. Newport are in a desperate situation. All but one of their Directors had resigned. Brian Eastick their new Manager, has been to see the Bank Manager to collect a cheque for the players' wages, the Garage had been to collect his sponsored car, the Administrator was poised to order him to sell his most expensive players, and his own position was in doubt. Apart from that they were some ten points adrift at the foot of the league. However much you try to guard against complacency, it is almost inevitable that in a situation such as this, our players start to think the game is going to be less difficult than usual. Brian had brought one or two new players in and the players of course had absolutely nothing to lose, they fought hard and they showed some ability. Fortunately we were able to lift our performance second half and in the end I thought we deserved our three points.



The never ending search for new players took me to Chorley last week to watch the Northern Premier League play an F.A. XI made up of Conference players, and then to Norwich v Southampton reserves in order to watch a striker on each side. Unfortunately it is very seldom that a player appears to be outstanding when I am scouting, and it usually means going to watch the same players again and again, until one grows on me a bit. I was not particularly impressed with David Platt when I saw him play twice for Manchester United 'A'. It was only because Ron Atkinson recommended him that I brought him here on loan. He had only been here two weeks when I realised his potential, which had not been so obvious to me previously.

I am trying to bring a player in now on loan from a First Division club, and maybe he will be here in time for today's game. In the meantime, all the professionals are fit now, and therefore we should be able to get back to a situation where the fight is on for places. The reserves did well last weekend to beat Tranmere 3-2 with Rob Wakenshaw scoring two of the goals. He has been unlucky with injuries since he joined us, and has looked very sluggish in training recently. This week he seems to have moved up a gear so I'm keeping my fingers crossed. Roger Eli also got a good report from the reserve game.

Today's visitors are well up amongst the promotion challengers and therefore it is very important to beat them and make up some ground on both them and the others. Bolton are a big club who would not look out of place in the First Division. However that will count for nothing today and we could do with your help to spur us on.

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PLAYER PROFILE

WAKELEY GAGE

Our subject this afternoon is someone who joined the Alex staff during the last close season. **WAKELEY GAGE** came to the Alex from Peterborough United during the Summer and has been the Alex skipper whenever he has played. He was born in Northampton and has played regularly right through from his school days but he did not go straight into league football after he left school. He took up an apprenticeship as an electrician with a local company but keeping up with his football by playing semi professional with a number of local clubs. He was playing with Desborough in the United Counties League when his opportunity of league football came along and Northampton Town signed him from there at a fee of £8,000.

In all he was six years with Northampton Town and has always played as a defender and had played against the Alex on more than one occasion. On leaving Northampton he went to Chester but he was only there for a few months before he joined Peterborough and he was with the Posh for a period of 20 months. During last season, 86/87 he made maximum appearances for them and was granted a free transfer and teamed up with the Alex. He came straight into the side and has been a regular occupant of the No. 6 position before an injury in the Cardiff City game put him out of action until the Freight Rover game at Sunderland.

He well remembers his debut in league football, it came on Boxing Day 1979, the game, Northampton Town v Stockport County and his side won 2-0. There are also two other games that he particularly remembers, the first one was F.A. Cup tie against Aston Villa at Northampton before a gate of some 17,000, it was a great atmosphere and a highly competitive game. The other one was a league game at Portsmouth when Northampton lost 6-1, but as he says he learned a great deal from that particular defeat. There are some grounds that players often do well at and in his case it is at Hereford United, he cannot remember being on a losing side there and the run was continued there this season when the Alex got that 1-1 draw.

Wakeley has been married for eight years and his wife's name is Judy. He enjoys listening to music, his range of interests being from good pop music right through to the classical style. If he had the opportunity to recommend changes in the laws of the game he would hope that one would be in the offside law by having a definite line across the pitch in which it would apply. This would in some way help to cut out the constant negative style back pass which irritates the supporter on the terraces. He would also like to see more contact between referees and players during the week, in this way it could go a long way to get both players and officials to appreciate each others problems better. Now a word of advice for the younger players, it is never too early to plan for the future for in football it can be either a short or long career, you just never know. In his own case he now takes a very active interest in the Alex Lottery after his training sessions are completed and it is already seeing signs of expansion. In his career he had played in 263 league games and 17 in Cup competitions before coming to Crewe and to that he can now add a further 24 in the league and 5 in cup competitions taking his full total up to 309 up to this afternoon.



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A Personal View

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Still on the subject of supporters and particularly those Crewe fans who travel here from a variety of destinations with regularity quite a lot decided to come last weekend, amongst them were Derek Cox from Ware, Herts, Peter Chappell and a friend from Watford, Mr. Dickerson from Cheltenham, Michael Francis from Kidderminster and nearer to home Geoff Howey from Wrexham. No doubt there were others but every one of these called in to see me prior to the game. Another supporter also called in but his mission was not such a happy one for he was to tell me of the death of his father just a few days prior to the Newport game. Mr. John Astley from School House, Broad Lane, Nantwich had been an Alex fan right back to the days when they came into the Third Division Northern in 1921 and his last visit to Gresty Road was for the Rochdale game. His son who now lives in Bolton travels regularly to all the games here and his boys are always to be found in the Family Stand, so despite the passing of his father the family tradition seems assured to continue for many years.

Despite the speculation in the press, Brian Clough will not become the new Manager of the Welsh International side with his Board of Directors deciding that they did not consider that they could effectively concentrate on both positions. It obviously is an ambition that he holds dearly, to become a Manager of an International side but whether it will ever be fulfilled is something that we shall just have to wait and see.



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The function hall will also be available to members and their guests for special occasions, i.e. wedding receptions, engagement parties, retirements, 21st Birthday parties etc. Some functions have indeed been carried on during the last few months and have proved to be very successful. On Saturdays we are hoping that Members will feel that they can come to the club at lunchtime and enjoy a meal before the game and food will also be available after the game (light snacks). This will be a new experiment and obviously its development can only be judged if it proves to be a success. What we will be able to offer the supporter if it could develop is more of a day out rather than just a visit to Gresty Road to see a game of football.

To book the hall for any function mentioned any member can contact Mrs. Jean Kelly at the Centre or on her home telephone number, Crewe 69987. Regrettably there are certain things that we cannot have at the club. In the past Discos have been held but unfortunately, like so many other situations today, it is always the minority that will always spoil the enjoyment of the majority. In addition, we feel that we do have a responsibility to the local residents to ensure that their privacy is maintained, not to mention the problems that have from time to time required attention from the local police force.

We have no desire to impose unreasonable rules on members but we would particularly ask anyone using the club to remember that there could be mixed company in the club and therefore be cautious in their use of language.

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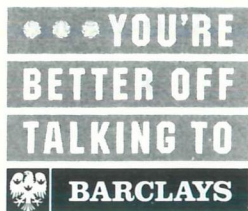
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Manager **PHIL NEAL** has completed over 700 league games. Starting with Northampton Town, he moved to Liverpool where he played for 11 seasons. During his time at Anfield he had won 8 Championship medals, been capped by England 50 times and also won other medals in the various cup competitions. He has still retained his registration as a player and last appeared in the Bolton side at Halifax in mid January.

First choice keeper is **DAVID FELGATE**. He is in his second spell with the club and he cost the club a fee of £16,000 when signing from Grimsby Town. A former Welsh International, he had been a regular at Lincoln City and had at one time been on loan at Crewe.

PAUL HUGHES. A versatile player aged 19. He has developed through the club's Youth team and had been utilised as a centre forward but has now been converted into a full back and become a regular in the side.

DEREK SCOTT. He joined the club from Burnley in the Summer of 1985 for a fee of £20,000. He had been with Burnley for 11 seasons and during his time there he had appeared in almost every position on the field. Has been a regular in either of the full back positions this season.

ROBBIE SAVAGE. He came to Bolton from Bradford City back in September and made his debut in the No. 11 spot in the home game against Halifax but is now regularly playing in the No. 4 spot. Scored his first goal for the club in the away game at Torquay.

MARK CAME. He was recruited from non league side Winsford United back in April 1984 and since he was given his opportunity in the league side he has held his place, he is one of the ever presents in the team this season.

DAVE SUTTON. He started his career with Plymouth Argyle and later moved North to join Huddersfield. During his time at Leeds Road he helped two of the Huddersfield sides to get promotion. He moved to Bolton in he Summer of 1985.

STEWART STORER. Is 21 years of age and he joined the club from Everton in December 1987 for a fee of £25,000 and made his debut for the team in the away game at Hartlepool. Has been a regular in the No. 7 spot ever since.

STEVE THOMPSON. Another product of the club's Youth team and is recognised as being the club's penalty expert. A midfield player who is very highly rated. He came into the side back in October 1987 and has played in every game since.

JOHN THOMAS. In the last five years he has earned a reputation of being a very consistent marksman. After leaving Burnley he joined Chester, then on to Lincoln City and Preston where he scored 28 goals last season. He has also done well at Bolton and has just come back to form after sustaining an injury.

TREVOR MORGAN. He joined the club during last Summer from Bristol Rovers for £20,000. Prior to his move he had already played in over 300 league games for his various clubs which have included Bournemouth, Mansfield Town, Bristol City (twice) and Exeter City.

NICKY BROOKMAN. So far he has not been able to gain a regular first team spot but has been called upon to fill several different positions so far and his only goal to date was one in the Freight Rover Trophy at Stockport.

IAN STEVENS. He had played with Preston North End in their reserve side and since coming to Bolton he has become the club's leading scorer in the reserves. During the time that John Thomas was out of the side he took over the No. 9 spot.

DEAN CROMBIE. He was signed from Grimsby Town during last Summer on a free transfer. He is a very experienced player but has recently been out of the side.

GARY HENSHAW. Yet another player who came from Grimsby Town and also on a free transfer. He can claim to have scored Bolton's first goal of the current season when he did so against Crewe Alex.

NEIL WHATMORE. A player who had started with the club as an apprentice, he came back this season. Last season he won a Freight Rover Trophy winners medal.

MARK WINSTANLEY. A young defender who made his debut for the club back in March 1986 against Bournemouth but has yet to earn himself a regular first team place. He has been named as substitute in a number of the club's recent games.

BOLTON WANDERERS



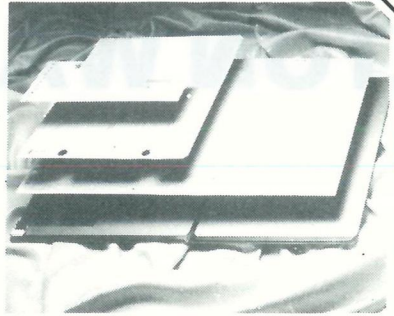
This afternoon's visit by Bolton Wanderers to Gresty Road will be the first time that league points will have been at stake, for it is only this season that they have played in the Fourth Division. With three successive victories behind them, away at Peterborough and Stockport and a home victory against Hereford United they have moved sharply up in the league table and are now in third place. Supporters will recall that the games were switched due to the alterations taking place at Gresty Road at the start of the season and after going a goal down at Burnden Park, Dave Platt got the equaliser in the second half. In cup competitions this season they lost in the two legged ties with Wigan in the Littlewoods Cup, lost to Burnley in the Freight Rover Trophy after qualifying from their group and in the F.A. Cup after victories against Wrexham and Burnley were finally dismissed in the Third Round by Barnsley. So far they have had quite a number of injuries and it is only in recent games that John Thomas has come back after injury. Geoff Chandler who had started the season in such promising style was injured late in August and it is doubtful whether he will be able to play again this season. They will most certainly not be without support for they always take a very good following to games and especially to those so close to home as this game this afternoon.



BACK ROW (left to right): Neil Whatmore, Julian Darby, Steve Elliott, Dave Sutton, Dave Felgate, Mark Came, Trevor Morgan, Mark Winstanley. **MIDDLE ROW (left to right):** Peter Nightingale (Physio.), John Thomas, Ian Stevens, Chris Banks, Steve Thompson, Paul Booth, Nick Brookman, Dean Crombie, Steve Carroll (Youth Coach). **FRONT ROW (left to right):** Peter Bell, Ian Callaghan, Jeff Chandler, Phil Neal (Manager), Derek Scott, Gary Henshaw, Warren Joyce.

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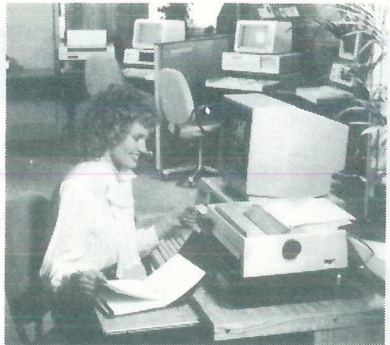


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Carrying on from our last notes, we can now inform you of our new arrivals in the Souvenir Shop. The Ski Hats have now arrived and are selling at £2.75 for non members and £2.50 for members. It was good to see so many wearing them already. Hurry if you want one, our stocks are selling out very fast. We are pleased to announce the arrival of the new Supporters Association badges. They are selling at around £1.10. We also have a wide selection available from other clubs.

QUIZ TIME

The last quiz held on 17th January was a very close competition with two teams finishing with equal points but the final decision went to the team called FOUR DEGREES and for those present they will know that it was a new winning team. The competition is getting closer each month. So if you fancy getting a team of four together and entering, the next date is Sunday, 28th February at 8.00 p.m. in the Alexandra Centre and further dates for your diary are Sundays March 20th and April 27th.

Our team in the Federation Competition are due to play away at Shrewsbury before the end of February. They are now in a competition with all the clubs that went out in the first round. The lads are quite confident of doing well this time round.

This Sunday sees another meeting of the Federation and will take place at Runcorn F.C. It is hoped that the Police Liaison Officer for Cheshire will be there to report on crowd control at different grounds. A few lines will be written in later editions on the various matters brought up at that meeting. Also coming up in May will be the Annual General Meeting of the National Federation and will be held once more at the Boston Hotel in Blackpool. This is usually quite a full weekend and a full report will come after the event. A meeting of the Committee was also due to take place prior to this afternoon's game to discuss plans for the end of Season Dance. It has been put forward to have a combined effort from all supporter groups. So watch this page for details in other issues.



JUNIOR ALEX NEWS

Today we welcome the Junior Whites Supporters from Bolton vvaruerers. When we visited Bolton the result was pleasing for all concerned with Dave Platt earning a point on the opening day of the season. Although we hope the Junior Whites enjoy their day at Crewe, three points would be very valuable to us today. With Bolton doing so well this season this could well be their last visit to Gresty Road for some time, but who knows, we may be there with them. It will be the first time this season that you will have had some vocal competition in the Family Stand, so come on make yourselves heard today.

NATIONAL FIVE A SIDE TOURNAMENT

Unfortunately, we will not be entering any teams in this year's tournament. This decision was made at a joint meeting of the Junior Alex and the Crewe Alexandra Supporters Association under whose name we enter the competition. Over the past few seasons, even though we have done very well, we have felt that the way one member club enters the competition has been unfair to the other teams taking part. We are not alone in our thoughts on this matter and as a protest all Members of the Northern Section are boycotting the tournament for one year. Hopefully this will bring about some changes in the rules of the competition and next year we will be back competing in what has proved to be a very enjoyable competition.

However, do not despair, because your committee here at Crewe have decided that **you**, the participants should not miss out completely. We are planning to hold our own competition on the artificial surface here at Gresty Road. Work is now under way to arrange this and further information will appear in a future match programme.

Finally may I take this opportunity to welcome two recent additions to the Committee, Paul Hulse and Roger Jones. Paul has been a member of the Junior Alex since day one and since becoming 16 has now progressed to helping in running the show, Roger, has a son, Daniel who has also been an active member for some years so both will know what you enjoy doing. Maybe we will get some new ideas for future events.

Lancashire League News

The 'A' team exacted revenge on one of the two teams to have beaten us this season when we won 3-2 against Tranmere Rovers last Saturday. However, it looked in the first half that the home side were heading for a notable double over us. Sloppy defending allowed Murray to run on to a through ball to fire in the first Tranmere goal and things looked even worse when Smith beat Stephen Archer to the ball to head home Tranmere's second. Towards the end of the first half we at least started to find our own players better with more controlled passing and managed to end the half on level terms. In the 38th minute Rob Wakenshaw ran on to a Roger Eli chip to blast the first goal and then five minutes later Maurice Doyle clipped the ball past a floundering O'Rourke in the home goal to level the score.

In spite of a second half against the wind we should have won by a much greater margin. Roger Eli, Rob Wakenshaw and John Healey all went close as we out thought and outran the Rovers defence. The winning goal came in the 60th minute when Paul Edwards, who had earlier crashed s hot against the crossbar, crossed from the wing for Rob Wakenshaw to head beyond the keeper and into the net. This result reinforces our position at the top of Lancashire League Division One alongside leaders Manchester United. There are plenty of games between now and the end of the season but our form has shown we are capable of fighting for the Championship.

The line up against Tranmere was: Prince, Williams, Macowat (Capt.), Ritchie, Archer, Curran, Healey, Wakenshaw, Eli, Doyle, P. Edwards, Substitutes: Wright for Williams and Willis not used.

F.A. Youth Cup Fourth Round, CREWE ALEXANDRA v MIDDLESBROUGH

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Winger v defender as Peter Bodak takes on the full back

Paul Fishenden keeps clear as Terry Milligan fires in the winner





Aidan Murphy makes contact - so does the defender



David Cole just beats Neil Morton in this attack

Peter Bodak turns inside his marker against Newport



FIXTURES - FACTS AND FIGURES

DATE	OPPONENTS	F-A	GATE	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 14															
				Parkin	Goodison	Pemberton	Milligan (1)	Billing	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak +	Cutler +	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
Aug 15	SAT Bolton Wanderers	A	4792	Parkin	Goodison	Pemberton	Milligan (1)	Billing	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak +	Cutler +	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
22	SAT Cambridge Utd.	A	1523	Parkin	Pemberton	Pemberton	Milligan	Wright	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
28	TUE Shrewsbury T. L.C. 1	H	1871	Greygoose	Pemberton	Macowat	Milligan	Wright	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
29	SAT Wrexham	H	2210	Greygoose	Pemberton	Macowat	Milligan	Wright	Gage	Platt (2)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
31	MON Rochdale	A	2246	Greygoose	Pemberton	Macowat	Milligan	Wright	Gage	Platt (2)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
Sept 4	FRI Colchester Utd.	H	1843	Parkin	Pemberton	Macowat	Milligan	Billing	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
12	TUE Shrewsbury T. L.C. 1	A	2824	Greygoose	Pemberton	Macowat	Wright	Billing	Gage	Platt (2)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
18	FRI Tranmere Rovers	A	2685	Greygoose	Pemberton	Macowat	Wright	Billing	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
15	FRI Orient	H	1839	Greygoose	Pemberton	Macowat	Wright	Billing	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
26	SAT Hartlepool	A	2150	Greygoose	Goodison	Goodison	Wright	Billing	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
28	SAT Burnley	A	2542	Greygoose	Goodison	Goodison	Wright	Billing	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
30	SAT Hartlepool	A	5042	Greygoose	Goodison	Goodison	Wright	Billing	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
Oct 3	SAT Wigan Athletic	A	2128	Greygoose	Goodison	Goodison	Wright	Billing	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
10	SAT Scarborough	A	1989	Greygoose	Goodison	Goodison	Wright	Billing	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
13	SAT Scarborough	A	2251	Greygoose	Goodison	Goodison	Wright	Billing	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
17	SAT Scarborough	H	2723	Greygoose	Goodison	Goodison	Wright	Billing	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
20	TUE Exeter City	A	1319	Greygoose	Goodison	Goodison	Wright	Billing	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
24	SAT Exeter City	A	2149	Greygoose	Goodison	Goodison	Wright	Billing	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
31	SAT Carlisle Utd.	H	2124	Greygoose	Goodison	Goodison	Wright	Billing	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
7	TUE Darlington	A	1720	Greygoose	Goodison	Goodison	Wright	Billing	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
14	SAT Lincoln City	A	2272	Greygoose	Goodison	Goodison	Wright	Billing	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
21	SAT Scunthorpe Utd.	A	3892	Greygoose	Goodison	Goodison	Wright	Billing	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
27	FRI Scunthorpe Utd.	A	2045	Greygoose	Goodison	Goodison	Wright	Billing	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
Dec 4	FRI Bury (FRT)	A	1416	Greygoose	Goodison	Goodison	Wright	Billing	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
12	SAT Cardiff City	H	1617	Greygoose	Goodison	Goodison	Wright	Billing	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
18	FRI Peterborough Utd.	H	2070	Greygoose	Goodison	Goodison	Wright	Billing	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
18	FRI Peterborough Utd.	H	2540	Greygoose	Goodison	Goodison	Wright	Billing	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
26	SAT Swansea City	A	2976	Greygoose	Goodison	Goodison	Wright	Billing	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
28	MON Newport County	A	2240	Greygoose	Goodison	Goodison	Wright	Billing	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
Jan 1	FRI Wrexham	A	2191	Greygoose	Goodison	Goodison	Wright	Billing	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
8	FRI Wrexham	A	2539	Greygoose	Goodison	Goodison	Wright	Billing	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
15	SAT Wrexham	A	4629	Greygoose	Goodison	Goodison	Wright	Billing	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
19	SAT Wrexham	A	4629	Greygoose	Goodison	Goodison	Wright	Billing	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
22	FRI Wrexham	A	4629	Greygoose	Goodison	Goodison	Wright	Billing	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
29	FRI Wrexham	A	4629	Greygoose	Goodison	Goodison	Wright	Billing	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
Feb 5	FRI Colchester Utd.	A	1881	Greygoose	Goodison	Goodison	Wright	Billing	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
12	FRI Colchester Utd.	A	1881	Greygoose	Goodison	Goodison	Wright	Billing	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
19	SAT Colchester Utd.	A	1881	Greygoose	Goodison	Goodison	Wright	Billing	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
26	SAT Colchester Utd.	A	1881	Greygoose	Goodison	Goodison	Wright	Billing	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
Mar 5	FRI Colchester Utd.	A	1881	Greygoose	Goodison	Goodison	Wright	Billing	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
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20	SAT Colchester Utd.	A	1881	Greygoose	Goodison	Goodison	Wright	Billing	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
27	SAT Colchester Utd.	A	1881	Greygoose	Goodison	Goodison	Wright	Billing	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
Apr 4	FRI Colchester Utd.	A	1881	Greygoose	Goodison	Goodison	Wright	Billing	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
9	SAT Colchester Utd.	A	1881	Greygoose	Goodison	Goodison	Wright	Billing	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
22	FRI Colchester Utd.	A	1881	Greygoose	Goodison	Goodison	Wright	Billing	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer
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May 6	FRI Colchester Utd.	A	1881	Greygoose	Goodison	Goodison	Wright	Billing	Gage	Platt (1)	Bodak	Cutler	Wright	Wakenshaw	Murphy	Gymer	Richie	Richie	Gymer

MASCOT

Our mascot today is **GARETH WRIGHT**, who attends Victoria High School. He is very interested in sport and enjoys playing both football and cricket. His favourite Alex player is Peter Billing and his ambition so far as football is concerned is to play firstly for Crewe Alexandra and then go on to play for Liverpool.



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FOURTH DIVISION REVIEW

It took just one week for Wolves to recover their goal scoring touch and so keep the top spot in the league table, their latest win at Exeter by 4 goals to 2 gave them their eighth away win of the season. They had at one time been four goals ahead of the Devon side but a late spurt by the home team gave them 2 goals but by then it was too late for them to hope for even a single point. Steve Bull got another hat trick and it would seem that no other player will catch him at the head of the list this season.

Stockport County who lost at home to Bolton now find themselves in 23rd place in the table but at least they do have a 10 point lead over Newport who do have one game in hand. Both these clubs have difficult games this weekend, Newport being at home to Hartlepool and Stockport County have to travel to Swansea. Peterborough United gained a narrow win over Tranmere Rovers thus ending quite a successful spell for the Prenton Park side. According to the press there would seem a possibility that Tranmere Rovers could have a new name in the future for the local Council who now own the ground were examining this possibility.

News of the financial position of Scarborough, who have found that the cost of getting into and playing in the Football League was more than they had expected has been in the forefront of the football newss. Gates are coming down, last Saturday when they were at home to Carlisle United it was down to 1870 and which in a television interview with the clubs officials they said that those gates were not good enough to keep the club in a sound financial position. There was some irony in the fact

that Ollie Kearns, now with Wrexham should go back to his former club, Hereford United and at the end of the game it was his two goals that had sent the home team to defeat. Scunthorpe United did their own play off chances a lot of good when they beat Leyton Orient by the odd goal in five. At half time the home side were 1-0 down but they hit back hard in the second half. Burnley also improved their own league position when before the day's best gate of 6,432 in the Fourth Division they beat Darlington 2-1 but that win was spoilt by the fact that Ray Deakin was sent off and will very shortly have to begin a spell of suspension as a result. Further games were postponed due to ground conditions, one at each end of the country. Halifax at home to Carlisle and Torquay who should have been playing Swansea.

Cover Shot:-

Neil Morton forces his way through watched by Peter Bodak

Photo by Steve Finch

Lancashire League

Aug.	15	Manchester United 'A'	H 2-0
	19	Bolton Wanderers 'A'	A post.
	22	Liverpool 'A'	A 2-2
	29	Marine Res.	H 2-1
Sept.	5	Stockport County Res.	H 1-1
	12	Burnley Res.	A 1-0
	19	Rochdale Res.	A 3-0
Oct.	17	Morecambe Res.	A post.
	24	Bury Res.	H 3-0
	31	Alsager College	H 3-0
Nov.	7	Rochdale Res.	A 5-3
	14	Manchester City 'A'	H 3-2
	21	Accrington Stanley Res.	A 5-0
	28	Marine Res.	A 2-0
	28	Chester City Res.	H 4-0
Dec.	5	Preston North End 'A'	A 3-1
	12	Burnley Res.	H 3-3
	19	U.M.I.S.T.	H post.
1988	1	Manchester United 'A'	A 1-6
	8	Liverpool 'A'	H 1-2
	16	Tranmere Rovers 'A'	A post.
	22	Stockport County 'A'	H post.
	30	Preston North End 'A'	A 5-2
Feb.	30	Manchester City 'A'	A 3-2
	13	Tranmere Rovers 'A'	H 3-2
	20	Bolton Wanderers 'A'	A A
	24	Carlisle United Res.	A A
	27	Everton 'A'	A A
Mar.	5	Morecambe Res.	H A
	12	Bury Res.	A A
	19	Alsager College	A A
	26	Everton 'A'	H A
Apr.	7	U.M.I.S.T.	A A
	9	Accrington Stanley Res.	H A
	15	Chester City Res.	H A

DIVISION FOUR (as at 17/2/88)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wolves	29	17	6	6	51	27	57
Cardiff	30	15	9	6	45	29	54
Bolton	30	15	7	8	42	28	52
Leyton Orient	30	13	9	8	60	43	48
Burnley	31	14	6	11	40	44	48
Colchester	30	14	5	11	38	34	47
Scunthorpe	30	12	10	8	49	40	46
Darlington	30	13	7	10	49	41	46
Torquay	27	13	6	8	41	28	45
Hartlepool	31	11	12	8	36	32	45
Swansea	31	12	8	11	44	40	44
Crews A	30	10	13	7	46	37	43
Scarborough	30	11	9	10	38	34	42
Cambridge	30	12	6	12	36	35	42
Peterborough	29	11	6	12	35	41	39
Hereford	31	12	4	15	38	37	38
**Tranmere	31	9	13	9	27	37	36
*Halifax	28	9	10	12	32	33	35
Wrexham	29	10	5	14	34	39	35
Rochdale	32	7	12	13	32	59	33
Exeter	30	8	8	14	38	45	32
Carlisle	30	8	6	16	43	60	30
Stockport	31	7	8	16	30	44	29
Newport	30	5	4	21	26	63	19

** 2 Points deducted for disciplinary reasons
* 1 point deducted for disciplinary reasons

TEAMS

CREWE ALEXANDRA

Red Shirts, White Shorts

- 1 DEAN GREYGOOSE
- 2 WAYNE GOODISON
- 3 JOHN PEMBERTON
- 4 AIDAN MURPHY
- 5 PETER BILLING
- 6 WAKELEY GAGE
- 7 PAUL FISHENDEN
- 8 PETER BODAK
- 9 NEIL MORTON
- 10 TERRY MILLIGAN
- 11 CHRIS CUTLER
- 12
- 14

Referee:

D. A. HEDGES (Oxford)

Linesmen:

G.R. HAMBLIN (Red Trimmed Flag)
M.J. PENN (Yellow Trimmed Flag)

BOLTON WANDERERS

White Shirts, Navy Blue Shorts

- 1 DAVID FELGATE
- 2 PAUL HUGHES
- 3 DEREK SCOTT
- 4 ROBBIE SAVAGE
- 5 MARK CAME
- 6 DAVE SUTTON
- 7 STEWART STORER
- 8 STEVE THOMPSON
- 9 JOHN THOMAS
- 10 TREVOR MORGAN
- 11 NICKY BROOKMAN
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